(*b*) whether influenza is still the cause for the grant of sickness and maternity benefits or whether there are any other causes at present?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir. Maternity benefit for the period up to and including the day of confinement is required to be paid to women workers in a factory within 48 hours of the production of the proof of confinement and the amount for the subsequent period shall be paid each fortnight in arrear. So far as women employed in plantations are concerned, maternity benefit is required to be paid in twelve equal weekly instalments and the first instalment should be paid within three days of the receipt of the notice of confinement.

(*b*) Illness due to influenza is one of the reasons for the grant of sickness benefit, and not maternity benefit, for women workers in plantations. Maternity benefit for women employed in factories and plantations is admissible only in the event of their confinement and not for any other reasons.

Assignment of lands

* 228-L *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of poramboke lands available in Angarai village, Lalgudi taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, for being assigned to houseless poor persons;

(*b*) whether any application for assignment from houseless poor persons in Angarai village, were received in 1954; and

(*c*) whether the Government's orders conveyed in G.O. Ms. No. 103, Revenue, dated 7th January 1957, on the said applications have been implemented, assignment made and possession delivered?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No vacant poramboke site is available in the village for being assigned as house-sites to houseless poor persons.

(*b*) Applications for assignment from houseless poor persons in Angarai village were not received in 1954. But in December 1954, Sri Rajagopala Muthuraja, the then M.L.A., forwarded to the Government a petition from Sri Annamalai and Marimuthu Muthiriyar, requesting stay of the Collector's order for their eviction from a portion of S. No. 51/2 of that village which they had encroached upon by constructing huts, and the M.L.A. recommended that the site might be assigned to the petitioners.

(*c*) The orders in G.O. Ms. No. 103, Revenue, dated 7th January 1957, have been implemented to the extent mentioned below :—

The assignees have already entered upon the land in S. No. 51/2 of Angarai village and constructed thatched houses. The land has not been formally assigned and "D" form issued. The

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transfer of the land from "Nandavanam" to "Natham" poramboke is pending with the Revenue Divisional Officer, Musiri. Steps will be taken to assign the land as soon as the transfer proposal is sanctioned.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : பட்டா ஏன் இன்னும் கொடுக்கப் படவில்லை என்பதுதான் இந்தக் கேள்வியின் அடிப்படை. இவ்வளவு காலதாமதம் ஆவதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? துரிதமாக பட்டா வழங்கு வதற்கு நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : "நந்தவனம்" என்ற, பிரிவிலிருந்து "நத்தம்" என்ற பிரிவுக்கு மாற்றுவதில் கொஞ்சம் காலதாமதம் ஆகியிருக்கிறது என்று சொன்னேன். இப்பொழுது இது பற்றி உரிய ஆர்.டி.ஓ. கவனித்து வருகிறார்.

Industries

* 228-M *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and amount of loans given under the State Aid to Industries Scheme in the State during the past one year; and

(*b*) of this, the number and amount of loans given for (i) Small Scale Industries and (ii) Cottage Industries; and

(*c*) the number and amount of loans given in (i) Tirunelveli district and (ii) Kanyakumari district, so far?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Loans amounting to about Rs. 25 lakhs (rupees twenty-five lakhs) have been granted to 3,401 (three thousand, four hundred and one) Small Scale and Cottage Industrialists and Industrial Co-operatives during the year 1957–58.

(*b*) Separate particulars are not available under each category. A total sum of Rs. 8·2 lakhs has been granted to 3,282 (three thousand, two hundred and eighty-two) Small Scale and Cottage Industries units by the various District Officers who have been empowered to grant loans up to Rs. 2,000 (rupees two thousand only) in each case.

(*c*) —

		Number of cases.	
1 Tirunelveli	..	49	Rs. 1,20,400 (rupees one lakh, twenty thousand and four hundred only).
2 Kanyakumari	..	9	Rs. 12,500 (rupees twelve thousand and five hundred only).

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : எந்த எந்த இனத்தில் யார் யாருக்கு கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்ற பட்டியலை மேஜை மீது வைக்க முடியுமா என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன். 10-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is not worthwhile.